



Rock River Valley Ambucs
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Greetings Fellow Ambucs,

Although there is still a delay on the orders for Amtrykes, we are able to continue to place orders. All of the Amtrykes for our Spring Build have finally arrived! The Second First Church in Rockford is storing bikes for us until the giveaway. The Spring Build will take place on April 28th, and the Giveaway will take place April 29th. We will reach out in the coming week to start setting up groups for the build.

If you know of anyone in need of an Amtryke, please be sure to have them contact us so we can get the order placed! We still have one more recycled Amtryke left to giveaway (size: small 1410). If you or anyone you know would like to help with our recycle program, please let me know.

We have received 2 ramp build referrals. If you are interested in helping with ramp building in 2023, please be sure to contact Dave Jahn or Jim Nordstrom.

In National news, the CEO of National AMBUCS, Jay Laurens, will be stepping down in early April. The COO, Jessica Wall, will take over as the next CEO. The National President, Carmela, will host her next monthly chat on grants that chapters may qualify for. If you are interested in this virtual chat, it will take place on April 10th.

This is also the time for Spring Round Up! This is the annual spring membership drive challenge for chapters across the country to recruit new members. Bring your bestie, your brother, your neighbor, your dog walker – anyone who has a passion for Inspiring Mobility and Independence!

During the April meeting, our chapter should vote for the next year's slate of officers that will take effect on June 1st. If you are interested in holding an officer position, we are all happy to share the positions and rotate our leadership! Please let us know if you are interested in any of the officer positions by April 10th.

We will hold our next meeting in person at Stockholm Inn at 5:30pm on April 13th. Dick Larson will be presenting on his attendance with Vets Roll, and you're not going to want to miss it! Please RSVP to Ann Hochmann if you will be in attendance. I hope you all continue to stay in good health and have a fantastic month!

Ann Hochmann

Check us out at www.rockrivervalleyambucs.com!

Mission Statement

Inspiring people to conquer challenges related to mobility and independence, through a nationwide network of volunteer chapters, working in partnership with physical, occupational and speech therapists; by providing Amtryke adaptive trikes, scholarships for therapists and many forms of community service.

President: Ann Hochmann
Vice President: Dave Jahn
Past President: Rich Lierman

Secretary: Jim Nordstrom
Treasurer: Dick Larson
Media Coordinator: Samantha Hochmann

NATIONAL NEWS

Q: How can I participate in AMBUCS on a larger scale?

A: The next Central Regional Conference will be held in Springfield, IL on April 21-22. RRVA Chapter members will receive details in a separate email shortly. If you are interested in attending, please let us know!

RRVA AMBUCS TRIVIA

Q: Where do our referrals come from?

A: Amtryke referrals can come from a variety of sources. We mainly receive these referrals from hospital therapists; however, we also receive many from school therapists and private therapists. Therapist referrals are important, because they are able to help us determine the type of tryke needed as well as the appropriate size for the child.